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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no ready information, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" பிரசவ விடுதிக்கு வருகிற பெண்கள் வழியிலேயே பிரசவித்துவிடுகிறார்கள் என்ற ரகசியம் சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? (சிரிப்பு). ரஸ்தாக்கள் அவ்வளவு மோசமாக இருக்கின்றன. செஞ்சிப் பகுதி ஒரு காட்டுப் பிரதேசம். ஆகையினால், பிரசவ விடுதி கட்டுவதற்கு முன்பு ரஸ்தா வசதி அவசியம் என்பதை உணர்ந்து சர்க்கார் அதற்கான நடவடிக்கை எடுத்தால்தான் கர்ப்ப ஸ்திரீகள் பிரஸவ விடுதிக்கு வருவார்கள் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member seems to be in possession of very interesting information, Sir. (Laughter.) I would like him to offer these suggestions for remedying the difficulties felt."

Some more hon. Members stood up in their seats.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have got only 15 minutes and I should finish all the questions. I pass on to the next question."

Tile and timber industries in Malabar.

* 99 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the reasons why the Government consider the tile industry and the timber industry in Malabar as seasonal industries?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have not yet declared the tile and timber industries in Malabar as 'seasonal' under the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953."

Cost of insecticides sold in South Arcot.

* 100 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total cost of insecticides sold in South Arcot district in 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The information is as follows :—

Value of sales during 1952–53—Rs. 27,004.

Value of sales during 1953–54 upto the end of December 1953 (for which figures are available)—Rs. 78,442."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" கனம் விவசாய மந்திரி அவர்கள் தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் சுற்றுப்பிரயாணம் செய்யும்பொழுது, பயிர்களை பூச்சிகள் அழிக்கும் பயம் ஏற்பட்டிருப்பதால் அதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக்கொண்டேன். கனம் மந்திரியும் உடனடியாக நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதாகச் சொன்னார். ஆனால், எந்த நேரத்தில் பூச்சிகள் பயிர்களை அழித்துக்கொண்டு இருந்ததோ அந்த நேரத்தில் விவசாய demonstrator ஆபீஸ்களுக்கு பூச்சியை அழிக்கும் மருந்து வாங்குவதற்கு போய் அது கிடைக்காமல் போய்விட்ட காரணத்தினால் அங்கே பயிர்கள் அதிகமாகப் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்பது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered, Sir, in reply to another question some time ago that even the Agricultural department was taken unawares when there was a sudden and widespread attack. It was possible that at that time some of the depots did not have sufficient stock of insecticides, but all the depots were subsequently replenished sufficiently. The figures I have given show that a considerable quantity of insecticides have been sold. I can assure the hon. Member that the Government have taken all possible steps for controlling this attack and in fact, they have been able to check further spread of the attack and also the consequent deterioration of crops."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, in view of the large number of small pattadars having been turned away from demonstrator's offices for want of insecticides, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us how much of the sales for Rs. 27,004 and Rs. 78,442 has gone to capitalist landlords and how much of them has gone to small pattadars? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I can categorically assure the hon. Member that there was no discrimination shown either by the Government or by its department between rich and petty landlords in the matter of supply of insecticides. Wherever the stock was available, it was distributed to those ryots who asked for it."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture be pleased to tell the House the amount lost by the Government in selling insecticides in that district at concessional rates? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the loss incurred was Rs. 25,030 in 1952–53 and Rs. 75,528 in 1953–54 (up to December)."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் எத்தனை பூச்சி Inspector-கள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is no one as 'Poochi Inspector.' There is a Plant Protection Officer (Specialist) for the whole State and demonstrators with training in plant protection work have been looking after checking of these diseases."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was saying that the pest attack took the department unawares. Since this is not the first time that the Agricultural department says that the attack was too sudden and that they were not prepared, may I know from the Government in which case of crop disease this Government department has been able to help in time? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already answered on the floor of this House that this attack

was sudden and unprecedented in the annals of the Agricultural department from the point of view of the intensity of the attack."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, even though a large quantity of insecticide was purchased during the period mentioned by the Hon. Minister, is it a fact that these insecticides were sold because of availability of stock but not for actual use, because they were given the supply only after the havoc and ravage by the insects had been caused to the crops? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have given the figures. About Rs. 27,000 for 1952–53 and Rupees 78,000 for 1953–54 are the sale-proceeds. Thus, from the large quantity of insecticides distributed, the hon. Member can very well see that unless there had been some effective results on account of the application of insecticides, the ryots would not have gone in for it."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, may I know whether any special instructions were issued to see that the insecticide was given to small landholders in preference to big landholders? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is no preference shown for small landholders as against the big landholders. As I said already, it is sold only to those ryots who ask for it."

SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—" Sir, in view of the statement made by the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture that the pest attack was sudden and unprecedented and was on a large scale, what is the provision made for remission of land tax? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the granting of remission would depend on the remission rules."

Schemes and plans for four crores of rupees submitted to Union Government.

* 101 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any request to the Madras State Government from the Union Government to submit schemes and plans for four crores of rupees;

(*b*) if so, what the schemes and plans are which the State Government have submitted to them and what the estimated cost of them is; and

(*c*) when the Government submitted the schemes and plans?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise."